

Remarks

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. Applicants have amended the claims to delete reference characters. The present invention is not limited to any particular embodiment shown or described herein. Furthermore, Applicants have amended certain terms to being the claim format more in line with standard U.S. practice.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eric Franklin", written over a horizontal line.

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